HOUSE AMENDMENT

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Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only) CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW 6 7 8 9 10 Representative(s) Murman offered the following: 11 12 13 Amendment On page 9, between lines 15 and 16 14 15 16 insert: 17 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 409.904, Florida 18 Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 2001-377, Laws of 19 Florida, is amended to read: 20 409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The 21 agency may make payments for medical assistance and related 22 services on behalf of the following persons who are determined to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical 23 24 eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment 25 on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the 26 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the 27 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216. 28 (2)(a) A pregnant woman who would otherwise qualify 29 for Medicaid under s. 409.903(5) except for her level of 30 income and whose assets fall within the limits established by 31 the Department of Children and Family Services for the 1 File original & 9 copies hap0008 02/28/02 02:32 pm 01975-0056-324013

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medically needy. A pregnant woman who applies for medically 1 2 needy eligibility may not be made presumptively eligible. 3 (b) A child under age 21 who would otherwise qualify 4 for Medicaid or the Florida Kidcare program except for the 5 family's level of income and whose assets fall within the 6 limits established by the Department of Children and Family 7 Services for the medically needy. A family, a pregnant woman, 8 a child under age 18, a person age 65 or over, or a blind or disabled person who would be eligible under any group listed 9 10 in s. 409.903(1), (2), or (3), except that the income or 11 assets of such family or person exceed established 12 limitations. For a family or person in this group, medical 13 expenses are deductible from income in accordance with federal 14 requirements in order to make a determination of eligibility. 15 Expenses used to meet spend-down liability are not reimbursable by Medicaid. The medically-needy income levels 16 17 in effect on July 1, 2001, are increased by \$270 effective 18 July 1, 2002. A family or person in this group, which group 19 is known as the "medically needy," is eligible to receive the 20 same services as other Medicaid recipients, with the exception of services in skilled nursing facilities and intermediate 21 care facilities for the developmentally disabled. 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 2

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